# MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT BERRY'S CREEK STUDY AREA (BCSA) SUPERFUND SITE HACKENSACK MEADOWLANDS, NEW JERSEY

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 39 of the AOC for the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) (May 8, 2008) for the Berry's Creek Study Area (BCSA) Superfund Site, this Monthly Progress Report (MPR) was prepared for submission to the USEPA and NJDEP. The reporting in this MPR tracks the tasks in Appendix B - Statement of Work (SOW) of the RI/FS AOC.

# I. ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2016

# A. Access

• No access requirements were identified in November 2016.

# B. Remedial Investigation (RI) Activities

• No RI activities took place in November, 2016.

#### C. Modeling Activities

• No RI modeling activities took place in November 2016.

# D. Feasibility Study (FS) Activities

- The Project Coordinator in coordination with the USEPA Remedial Project Manager continued tracking potential flood mitigation work in the BCSA by NJDEP Rebuild by Design staff and their contractor.
- Work on the draft FS is continuing by the BCSA Group and its consultant team.
- Preparation of the Treatability Study/Pilot Study Report is continuing by the BCSA consultant team and BCSA Group.

#### E. USEPA Coordination and Oversight

- The Project Coordinator for the BCSA Group regularly communicates with the USEPA Remedial Project Manager (RPM) on the coordination of project activities.
- The Project Coordinator and support personnel for the BCSA Group toured the BCSA Site with the USEPA RPM and Community Relations Coordinator on November 22, 2016 to support community outreach planning.

# II. DATA RECEIVED OR GENERATED DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTH

- Some of the baseline data for surface water and fish tissue were received in November 2016 and were posted on the USEPA unvalidated data website.
- Validation activities for the 2016 baseline monitoring data are ongoing.

# III. DESCRIPTION OF WORK PLANNED FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

#### • RI/FS Activities:

- The BCSA Group will respond to USEPA comments on the draft RI/FS Work Plan Addendum and submit a final document to the agency.
- The BCSA Group will respond to USEPA questions or comments on the response to USEPA comments on the DSRAM after receipt of comments from the USEPA.
- The Project Coordinator will assist Remedial Project Manager (RPM) with any questions or clarifications needed by EPA with regard to review of the RI Report.
- The Project Coordinator in coordination with the USEPA RPM will continue tracking potential flood mitigation work by NJDEP Rebuild by Design staff and their contractor in the BCSA.
- The BCSA Group will provide support to the USEPA on community relations as needed.

#### • Treatability Study/Pilot Study (TS/PS):

• Analysis of the physical, chemical and biological 2015 PS data will continue along with preparation of a report on the TS/PS findings.

# • Feasibility Study

• Preparation of the detailed analysis of remedial alternatives will continue, along with preparation of the draft FS.

# IV. SCHEDULING, SCHEDULING ISSUES, AND SOLUTIONS

- A revised schedule was submitted to USEPA on November 17, 2016, based on a request from USEPA as part of the RI/FS Work Plan Addendum.
- No schedule-related issues arose in November 2016.